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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Hearing on Afghanistan for the Subcommittee on
Asian and Pacific Affairs

1. On 6 August 1987 in H-139 The Capitol, at 1530 hours,
Daniel Webster, NIO/NESA and [] DI/NESA briefed
the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs of the House
Foreign Affairs Committee with a situation report on
Afghanistan. A transcript was made of this Subcommittee
hearing. The Members attending were:

Stephen Solarz (D., NY),
Chairman
James Bilbray (D., NV)
Chester Atkins (D., MA)

Robert Dornan (R., CA)
Robert Lagomarsino (R., CA)

Staff members:

William Fite
William Inglee
Robert Jenkins
Hillel Weinberg

Richard Bush
Dan Finn
Stanley Roth
Katherine Wilkens

Also attending, and participating with the NIO and DI analyst
were Robert Peck, Robert Flaten, Desiree Millican and Clark
Wunzberger of the Department of State; [] and the
undersigned, from OCA were also in attendance.

2. NIO Webster began the briefing with the status of the
Afghan peace negotiations. There is not much change in
positions for the major players. The participants of a
national reconciliation government are now more important
than the timetable objectives. There is little agreement
within the Afghan Alliance parties for the role of the
communists in this follow-on government. The field
commanders reflect the position of the political leader of
their faction, but appear more hardlined in outlook.

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